

ABSTRACT

- 5 Disclosed are pharmaceutical compositions and methods for preventing or treating
a number of amyloid diseases, including Alzheimer's disease, prion diseases, familial
amyloid neuropathies and the like. The pharmaceutical compositions include
immunologically reactive amounts of amyloid fibril components, particularly fibril-
forming peptides or proteins. Also disclosed are therapeutic compositions and methods
10 which use immune reagents that react with such fibril components.